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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th February 1863.*

No. 279. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1863:—
Read the following letter from R. W. NORFOR, Esq., Superintendent of Stamps, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras,
7th February 1863, No. 654.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Order, 4th February 1863, communicating Proceedings of Government and Order, 28th January 1863, No. 187, relative to supplies of stationery bought in this market. The orders given in this respect shall be complied with, but it is not probable that much paper will be needed of country make, now that the supplies of the water-marked are arriving.

2. Referring to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Board's Order, I have the honor to submit the course which I intend to pursue in substituting water-marked Stamps, for those now in use stamped on ordinary papers. I propose commencing the issue of water-marked Stamps on the 1st July 1863, this will give time for supplying the Vendors in the Mofussil, and for stamping the necessary quantities for issue. The water-marked paper now on hand is a four months' supply, but by March or April a further six months' supply, it is hoped, will have been received. Rule 10, Section 1 of the Manual will thus be transgressed, but necessarily so, as it would be very inexpedient to defer the new issue beyond July.

3. I propose directing all Collectors and Superintendents to discontinue the sale of all Stamps now in use from the 30th June next, and to call in all existing stocks for destruction at the head Offices of Districts on or after that day.

4. I propose in order to make stocks at the end of the present Fasli as small as possible, not to issue the usual quarterly supplies in March and April next, but as the whole stock of each District is equal to all probable demands to the 30th June next, I propose working down existing stocks, supplying only such values as it may during the half year be found necessary to replenish.

5. A Circular is in preparation giving the above instructions, and requesting the early submission of indents for water-marked Stamps in quantities equal to a six months' supply.

6. In order to provide material for demands for Stamps on plain paper, during the current half year, I purpose receiving 300 Reams of paper tendered to me by the Superintendent of Stationery by letter dated 28th January 1863.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board approve the Superintendent's proposals for substituting water-marked paper throughout so soon as the stock will allow of this being done without risk of being compelled to revert to the use of ordinary paper, which contingency would tend to enhance the facilities for disposing of forged Stamps.

3. On the subject of the recently discovered forgeries, the Board will submit a full report shortly.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1863, No. 363.

1. The Governor in Council concurs with the Board as to the propriety of substituting water-marked paper universally, as soon as possible. There seems to be a stock of this paper on hand sufficient for four months' use and a further supply is expected within two months. The Superintendent proposes that the issue of water-marked stamped paper shall commence on the 1st July next. The Board will consider whether it would not be preferable to commence at once with particular values. This would be quite safe with the existing stock and would be more convenient to the District Officers.

2. The Board will state what further supply of water-marked paper is immediately required in order that application may be made to the Home Government.

3. The Government do not understand why more plain paper is required when this change is impending and the Districts are already well supplied.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Madras.
General Stamp Office }
7th February 1863.. }

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Superintendent of Stamps.

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